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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Subjects Pertaining to Staff Visit to []
[] 16-19 January

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1. Upon arrival [] the undersigned met with [] and [] Purpose of this meeting was to update them on significant "I" and "O" topics including the latest decision to retain a simultaneous A-12/SR-71 capability at Kadena. The meeting was friendly and cordial covering routine mutual interest subjects. Queried on background information pertaining to the station's recent question regarding the TACKLE program, [] responded to the effect that the station only wanted to assure themselves that as the U-2R planning progressed, Headquarters did not at this time have tentative plans for phasing the unit out as in the case of [] last year. I assured them, as in recent traffic, Headquarters had no such plans and that the program had full support as long as it was productive.

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2. The following highlight subjects were discussed at []

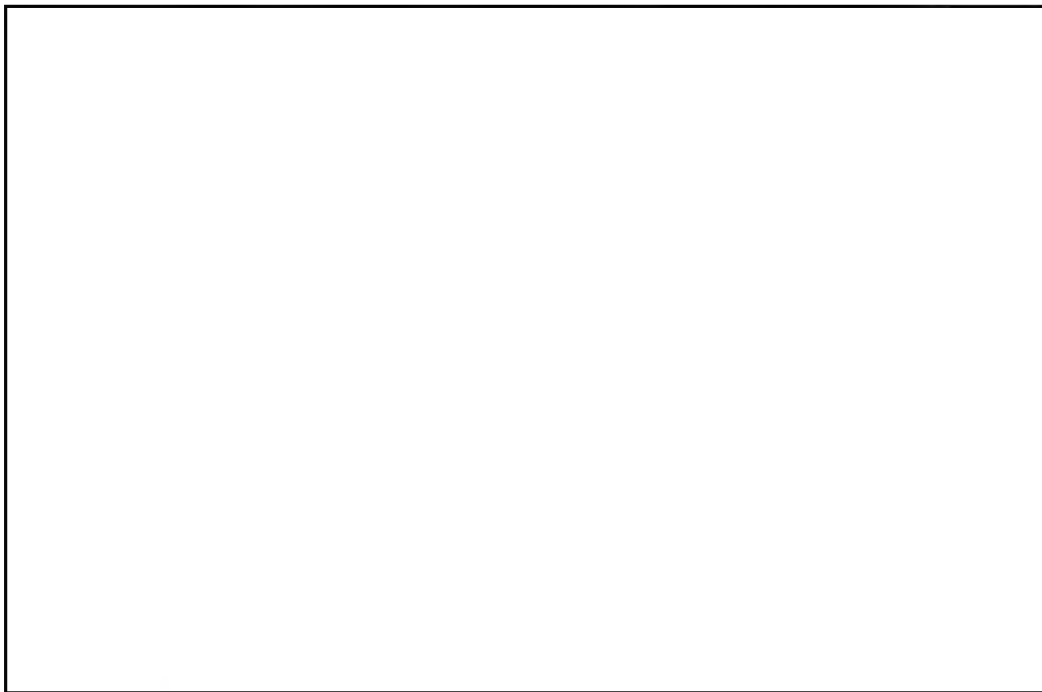
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b. Status of moral attitude and apparent motivation of all [] personnel was extremely good. I visited with [] and all were anxious for continuation training flights, new equipment, and increased operational activity. They were briefed in general on aircraft 385 and its modified systems, told about the new [] systems training film and how we intended to operate once 385 was operational []

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c. The following is a summary of items requiring Hqs action:

(1) It was agreed that an entirely new canned route library was required. Action: D/Ops (IDEALIST Division)

(2) Mission plans had been received at [] with minor errors. This is not considered a major problem but one which could stem from human factors or transmission errors. Action: D/Ops

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(3) Support airlift such as KC-135 and C-141 aircraft requested and scheduled into [] should be granted the landing wait waiver via the initial request to USAF AFRDR. Action: D/M/OSA

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(4) [] is receiving too many visitors. Many of whom provide little if any measurable support to the mission. Action: Directorates must jointly establish a Headquarters policy to control staff visits of all descriptions. It is believed that the method established should have the Executive Officer, OSA, as the administrative focal point.

(5) [] requests that a [] channel be allocated to indicate camera on and camera off. This should be particularly valuable on "H" camera missions when pilot places camera operating switch to stand by. Action: D/Ops and D/M/OSA

(6) Recommendations for Air Force commendations are generally not being approved. One recently submitted on [] was disapproved by Hqs Command Board. After reviewing the justification and the citation I agreed that it was not well justified and pointed out the same. Believe Hqs, either MMPD or Personnel Division, should establish better control over field recommendations for awards and decorations and rewrite where necessary. Field security consciousness is believed to be the primary reason that recommendations are not well justified.

(7) [] needs Vietnam Service Ribbon information and criteria. Action: Personnel Division

(8) It was apparent that Hqs was not in many cases providing ample guidance, instructions, or policy in the Avionics area. This was particularly true with regard to the fluid situation in the areas of recorders, instructions for System 21, Doppler System, System 21 readout capability. Action: D/M/OSA Details of these matters were discussed with [] who in turn plans to resolve the problems during his current visit.

(9) [] needs authority to spend \$1500-\$2000 for a car to be driven by [] I concurred

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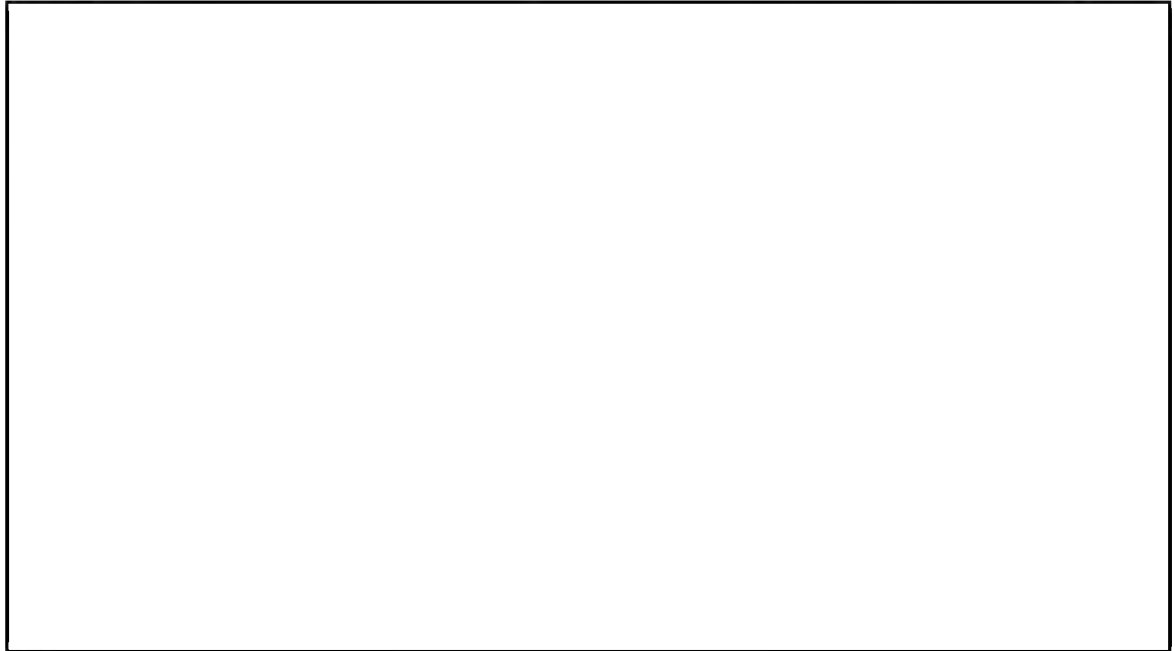
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with the requirement and told []
[] that if we could cover the expenditure
it would be approved. Action: COMPT/OSA

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